

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 June 61	2. LOCATION Golden, Colorado	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Ball lightning</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 11/0245Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	6. SOURCE Civilian
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 min	10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Blue arc changing to white then red. Size of base ball. Witness attention attracted by strange color. Observed at 45° elev and disappeared behind mountains after 1 min. Lightning in area. Thunderstorms.	
11. COMMENTS Atmospheric conditions conductive to ball lightning. Case considered as observation of this phenomena.		

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AF IN : 50587 (12 Jul 61) INCOMING G/bms
ACTION: CIN-17
INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (24)

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FM LOWRY AFB COLO

TO RUEUFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWZGU/29 AIRDIV MALMSTROM AFB MONT

RJEZHQ/AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CEN WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/COPS USAF

RJEZHQ/OSAF WASH DC

BT

UNCLAS OS 5003. COPS USAF FOR AFCIN, OSAF FOR SAFIS UFG

154(1) BLUE ARC CHANGING TO WHITE, THEN TO RED.

(2) BASEBALL.

(3) BLUE, THEN WHITE, THEN RED.

(4) ONE.

(5) N/A.

(6) NONE.

(7) NONE.

(8) NONE.

(9) NONE.

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B(1) STRANGE COLOR OF OBJECT IN THE SKY.

(2) 45 DEGREES ANGLE ABOVE HORIZON.

(3) DISAPPEARED BEHIND LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN.

(4) STRAIGHT DESCENT.

(5) BEHIND MOUNTAIN.

(6) ONE MINUTE.

C(1) GROUND VISUAL.

(2) NONE.

(3) N/A.

D(1) 0245Z, 11 JULY 1961.

(2) DUSK.

E. 39 42 N, 105 17 W TO 39 51 N, 105 15.6 W, ALTITUDE 7300 FEET MSL.

F(1) ██████████, AGE UNKNOWN, ██████████ GOLDEN,
COLORADO, PHONE ██████████ ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, FORMER AF PILOT.

(2) N/A.

G. LIGHTNING IN AREA, WINDS UNKNOWN.

C(1) SKIES SCATTERED, ESTIMATED 10000 BROKEN/HIGH BROKEN,
VISIBILITY 50 MILES, THUNDERSTORMS, WINDS WEST SOUTH WEST 4
KNOTS, GEOFPOINT 40, TEMPERATURE 72, LIGHTNING SOUTHWEST.

(2) 5M-MISC; 10M-350/15; 15M-320/20; 20M-330/30; 30M-320/40;

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50M-290/40 (ESTIMATED).

(3) 12,000.

(4) 30 MILES.

(5) 7/10.

(6) SOUTHWEST QUADRANT.

H. UNKNOWN.

I. NONE.

J. NONE NOTICED.

K. AIR OPERATIONS OFFICER: NO ANALYSIS.

L. NONE.

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